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TITLE IX

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I stand today on behalf of a great majority of Americans who support Title IX.

Thirty years ago, my friend, The Late Rep. Patsy Mink of Hawaii, the first woman of color to be elected in Congress, unremittently and dauntlessly challenged old stereotypes like a "woman's place being in the home."

Representative Mink was nationally recognized as a crusader for the rights of women, minorities and the poor. She co-authored the Women's Educational Equity Act, now known as Title IX, which prohibits gender discrimination by institutions receiving federal funding. Title IX is credited for helping push schools and universities to invest equally in women's athletics and educational programming. She envisioned the law to serve as a means to reduce and eventually eliminate gender discrimination.

USA Today, CNN and the Gallup Poll published on January 8, 2003, their survey results showing that 7 out of 10 adults familiar with Title IX think that the law should be strengthened or left alone.

Statistics will prove why our people support Title IX:

Women student athletes graduate at a significantly higher rate of 68% than women students in general who graduate at a rate of 59%.

80% of women identified as key leaders in Fortune 500 companies participated in sports as students.

82% of women business executives who played sports said that the lessons they learned on the playing field contributed to their success in business.

A Women's Sports Foundation study showed that teenage athletes are less likely to use marijuana, cocaine or other illicit drugs, less likely to be suicidal, less likely to smoke and are more likely to have a positive body image than female non-athletes.

Through the years, Title IX has diminished the inequity against women without depriving men of the same funds and opportunities.

In 2000, Division I educational institutions spent one dollar on women's sports for every two dollars spent on men's sports, and yet women increasingly continued to participate in sports activities.

From 1971–2001, women's college athletic participation increased by 403% and high school girls' athletic participation increased by a whopping 847%.

This proves that women's interest in sports follows opportunity.

Let us remember that the women of America comprise half of the population of this great country. We share the future with the men of America.

The landmark Title IX legislation is the last memory of how tenaciously Congresswoman Patsy Mink fought to improve the lives of girls for generations to come.

On behalf of many women and Asian American organizations, I submit my position on Title IX to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

I support Title IX and all of its' opportunities for women and girls.

Protect Title IX and let it fulfill its mission.

HONORING BLACK WOMEN UNITED FOR ACTION (BWUFA)

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of BWUFA, Black Women United For Action. Over the course of their 17 year history, BWUFA has been an outspoken voice for the concerns of women, the impoverished, and vulnerable families throughout the world.

As a volunteer, non-profit community service organization based in Springfield, Virginia, BWUFA has continued to successfully provide a variety of community programs that offer support services with a social, cultural and educational focus. As BWUFA volunteers will attest, there is no price that can be placed on the gifts of love, compassion and caring from one person to another. This is the guiding philosophy that drives BWUFA to help make the world a better place for tomorrow's leaders. They consider it both a distinct pleasure and an obligation to touch the lives of others for the improvement of our community.

One of BWUFA's major efforts is to readily disseminate pertinent information to the public through forums such as their Roundtable Discussions. From talking about healthy living initiatives to the need for solid investment strategies, BWUFA provides these mediated conversations to encourage critical thinking on complex issues that affect us all. It is through this exchange of ideas in a relaxed setting that many can develop plans to radically alter their lives for the better.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have had the opportunity of working closely with this valuable organization in the past and look forward to continued interaction in the future. BWUFA sets the example as a model organization striving to improve the lives of others everyday. I salute their stewardship and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO JOHN ZIMMERMAN ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE LEGAL PROFESSION

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding gentleman, and good friend, from Ohio. John Zimmerman has always admired the practice of law and has always enjoyed doing it. After 52 years in the practice, he is as upbeat about his work today as the day he began. He opened his first office on April 15, 1951, on the second floor of the old Masterson's building. Mr. Zimmerman was elected shortly thereafter as Defiance City Attorney and served in that capacity from 1952–1955. Subsequent to his service as City Attor-

ney, John served as County Prosecutor, holding that position for 12 years.

Mr. Speaker, in all his years of practice, John never tried a single murder case until the last two years as Prosecutor, and then there were four. Mr. Zimmerman got a conviction on each one, he would tell you proudly.

Prior to doing battle in the local tribunal, John served in the 91st Infantry and received a battlefield commission and Bronze Star in Italy during WW II. While serving overseas, his father, Elmer, who worked as an agent for the IRS, received a transfer and moved the family from its home in Old Fort, Ohio to Defiance, Ohio. His mother, Effa, a music teacher, taught around the various schools in Defiance County.

Upon returning to the states in 1946, John came to Defiance in the spring of that year, enrolled in classes at Defiance College going straight through his undergraduate years without a break. It was about this same time that he helped to reorganize the local National Guard Company in Defiance. He finished his studies at the University of Toledo and earned his Juris Doctorate in 1951 from The Ohio State University School of Law.

John entered into a partnership with Defiance native, attorney, and artist, Ed Hummer in 1957. That same year they established a satellite office in Hicksville, Ohio. In 1963, John formed a law firm with Karl Weaner and Reeder Hutchinson. That office was located in the offices above the State Bank and Trust Co. until 1991, when the firm purchased the modern-looking, stone and cedar-sided building on the corner of Wayne and Third Streets. Mr. Zimmerman is one of the last remaining from the original firm that still exists today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to Mr. John E. Zimmerman. Our communities are served well by having such honorable and giving citizens, like John, who care about their well being and stability. We wish John, his wife, Loisann, and their family all the best as we pay tribute to one of our state's finest citizens.

CONDEMNING THE ARRESTS OF OPPOSITION PARTY MEMBERS IN NORTHERN CYPRUS

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 27, 2003

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Speaker. I rise before you today to condemn the recent acts of the Turkish-Cypriot leadership. Only two weeks after denying their citizens the right to conduct a referendum vote on acceptance of the UN plan for reunification of the island, the illegitimate Turkish-Cypriot government has once again denied the will of its constituency.

In response to Rauf Denkash's refusal to allow a referendum vote, an opposition party in Northern Cyprus, the United Cyprus Party, planned to hold its own vote to explicitly demonstrate the desire of Turkish-Cypriots for a resolution to the Cyprus Question. Under the direction of Mr. Denkash, the Turkish-Cypriot police surrounded the village of Elia, and forcefully ensured that the vote could not take place. The General Secretary of the United Cyprus Party, Izzet Izcan, was arrested in the incident along with five trade unionists.